

Greenbrier Independent.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31ST, 1899.

LOCAL MATTERS.

FORTY acres of land, with a house on it, near Lewisburg, for sale at \$600.—
Apply at this office.

ON the 17th inst. C. B. Shanklin and Miss Annie Howard, of Union, Monroe county, eloped for parts unknown.

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THE JOURNEY THITHER—THE RETURN HOME—WHAT WE DID WHILE THERE.

Editor Greenbrier Independent:

On the 9th of August, about 4 o'clock in the morning, the residents of Lewisburg dwelling near the Court House, and, a short time afterward, the country people along the Frankford road, were awakened by fiendish yells and songs echoing through the matin mists as though pandemonium were let loose. All this ruthless disturbance, however, was in fact of a mild significance; it only meant that our Camping Party was commencing its forty-four-mile drive to the old Confederate re-union camping-grounds near Marlinton, where we were to spend ten days of blissful, unhampered *ennui* and unrivaled pleasure. A four-horse wagon, two surries and a buggy carried as sleepy and jubilant a party of thirty young folks and

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To the latter we are indebted for much of the comfort and pleasure of our outing. The drive through beautiful Pocahontas would demand fluent description to do it justice, but the pleasures of imagination are as great as the pleasures of memory oftentimes, so our readers may enjoy the former as much as we do the latter. Can any one be so devoid of the faculty for having a good time that in a party of charming girls and congenial fellows he wishes he were elsewhere? "I'd rather be a dog and bay the moon than such a man!" Those lovely girls deserve much gratitude for the excellent lunches prepared by them, and so appreciated by us all, just before we descended the other slope of Droop mountain. Then came the descent and good time the arrival at our destination—just twelve hours after we started. Tents were raised, baggage unpacked, bedticks stuffed with straw and other preparations made for the welcome night's rest. The encampment was on what has been an island in Knapp's creek, and doubtless will be again in a

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in large numbers and sat with us about
our camp fires and listened to the music,
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songs of Mr. John Dice were one of the
features of our evening entertainments;
and truly his rendition of them is in-
imitable. Our choruses and college
yells awakened echoes from the sur-
rounding cliffs and made the welkin
ring.

One evening we joined with the Mar-
lintonians and gave a musicale for the
benefit of the L. F. I. Alumnae. An-
other evening six of the young ladies
of our party rendered the "Six Cups of
Chocolate" in a novel and most charm-
ing manner, out at camp. We had two
dances at Marlinton—one given by the
young men of our party and one by
those of the town. Many of our party
went swimming, fishing and horseback
riding, as well as walking to the cliffs,
a point of scenic interest not far away.
The cameras, which many carried with
them were kept clicking and producing
souvenirs. The hammocks were scat-
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by a colored man and his wife, whom
we took for the purpose, and were
served by two boys and girls, selected
daily from among us, at the long
board, forty or fifty feet in length,
erected for the comfort of our hungry
assembly. Once before in the INDE-
PENDENT mention has been made of the
names of those who composed the jolly
party that set up and named Camp Hill
Billy. A repetition of them is there-
fore unnecessary.

Palmer Cox's Brownies could not
have more deftly pulled up stakes and
turned the camping ground into a scene
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Marlinton, I was told, was so called for a man named Marlin, who lived for some years in a hollow tree in that vicinity, where he was found by General Lewis, from whom Lewisburg gets its name. The Court House building is one of which the Pocahontas people should be justly proud. Modernly and firmly constructed, it stands on a commanding portion of the valley in which the town is situated. With the new railroad, Marlinton will become a large and important center of trade for all the surrounding country.

We bade farewell to our friends there about 7 o'clock in the morning and reached home that night at 11. At Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Holt showed us such kindness as one rarely experiences. Our large party was welcomed into their home and served an

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unexcelled hospitality. The drive af-
ter the moon rose was completed amid
the soft haze of an autumn night, which
gave ample opportunity for all of those
tender sentiments which Luna is wont
to inspire. Again the imagination of
the reader is called into play.

And now with three cheers for Camp
Hill Billy, three for Pocahontas and
three for Lewisburg, and a toast to
all—"May they live long and pros-
per!"—we close.

W. L. K.

List of Deeds.

The following is a list of deeds, etc.,
admitted to record by the Clerk of